

**BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD
MEETING NOTICE**

**INRCOG BOARD ROOM
229 EAST PARK AVENUE
WATERLOO, IA**

August 13, 2026, 10:00 AM

AGENDA

Actionable Items

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Review and consider approval of the minutes of May 14, 2026, and July 09, 2026, meeting.

Discussion Items

1. [NADO National Award](#) - INRCOG received the 2026 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for its FY 2026–2030 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP)
2. Project updates.
 - a. City and County Project Updates
 - b. [Microtransit Solutions](#)
 - c. NEIA NEPA Study
3. General discussion.
4. Adjournment.

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Policy Board Members (Updated 1/23/2026)

Representing	Name	Title	MPO Membership
City of Cedar Falls	Danny Laudick	Mayor	Member
	Gil Schultz	Councilperson	1 st Alternate
	Chris Latta	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	2 nd Alternate
City of Elk Run Heights	Lisa Smock	Mayor	Member
	Heather Sallis	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Evansdale	DeAnne Kobliska	Mayor	Member
	Justin Smock	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
	Dottie Wear	Councilperson	2nd Alternate
City of Gilbertville	Scott Becker	Mayor	Member (Chair)
	Mike even	Councilperson	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Hudson	Héctor Baldiviezo	Mayor	Member
	Matt Reiseter	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Raymond	Gary Vick	Mayor	Member
			1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Waterloo	Dave Bosen	Mayor	Member
	Noel Anderson	Com. Planning & Dev. Director	1st Alternate
	Aric Schroeder	City Planner	2nd Alternate
Black Hawk County	Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Member (Vice-Chair)
			2nd Alternate
MET Transit Board	Rosalyn Middleton	Board Member	Member
	Sharon Droste	Chair	1st Alternate
	Stephanie Sheetz	Vice-Chair	2nd Alternate
Waterloo Regional Airport Board	David Deeds	Chair	Member
	Steven Kjergaard	Director of Aviation	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate

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Transportation Technical Committee Members (Updated 06/02/2026)

Representing	Name	Title	MPO Membership
City of Cedar Falls	David Wicke	City Engineer	Member
	Ben Claypool	Principal Engineer	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Elk Run Heights	Sara Pittman	City Clerk	Member
	Dale Wilson	Councilperson	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Evansdale	Chris Schares	Public Works Director	Member
			1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Gilbertville	Rob Werner	Public Works Director	Member
	Al Even	City Maintenance	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Hudson	Julie Eastman	City Administrator/City Clerk	Member
	Jake Hovey	Public Works Director	1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Raymond	Becky Pint	Councilperson	Member
			1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
City of Waterloo	Jamie Knutson	City Engineer	Member (Chair)
	Wayne Castle	Associate Engineer	1st Alternate
	Matt Schindel	Associate Engineer	2nd Alternate
Black Hawk County	Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Member
			1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
MET Transit	David Sturch	General Manager	Member
			1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate
Waterloo Regional Airport			Member
			1st Alternate
			2nd Alternate

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BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

July 09, 2026

MINUTES

Becker (Chair) called the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Scott Becker	Mayor	City of Gilbertville	Policy Board Member (Chair)
Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Black Hawk County	Policy Board Member (Vice Chair)
Danny Laudick	Mayor	City of Cedar Falls	Policy Board Member
David Wicke	City Engineer	City of Cedar Falls	TTC Member
Deanne Kobliska	Mayor	City of Evansdale	Policy Board Member
Heather Sallis	Councilperson, Mayor Pro Tem	City of Elk Run Heights	Policy Board 1 st Alternate
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC Member
Aric Schroeder	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate
John Dornoff	Planner II	City of Waterloo	Attendee
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member`
Curtis Young	Chair	Waterloo CSAC	Attendee
Rob Werner	Public Works Director	City of Gilbertville	TTC member
Michelle Sweeney*	Operations Manager	AECOM	Attendee
Tony Hemann	AECOM	AECOM	Attendee
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner	IDOT	Attendee
Nick Fratzke	Director of Transportation	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Sanzida Rahman Setu	Transportation Planner II	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Oghogho Oriakhi	Transportation Planner I	INRCOG	MPO Staff

**Attended Online*

The first item was the introduction and approval of the agenda. It was moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Kobliska, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, hold a Public Hearing to consider and approve the final FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Motion to open the public hearing was moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Kobliska. Motion carried unanimously. Oriakhi noted that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifies highway, bridge, bicycle and pedestrian, Safe Routes to School, and transit projects within the Black Hawk County urbanized area that are scheduled to receive federal funding over the next four federal fiscal years. He noted that the TIP was made available for public input through two public input sessions with no public comments were received. Fratzke reported that no new STBG applications were submitted. However, the City of Hudson requested Board approval to amend its FY 2026 Washington Street project by increasing STBG funding from \$853,600 to \$1,168,800 (an additional \$315,200) and moving the project to FY 2028 due to a 37% increase in project costs. Motion to close the public hearing was moved by Kobliska, seconded by Laudick. The motion carried unanimously. A motion to approve and adopt the FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was moved by Laudick, seconded by Kobliska. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items.

1. 2055 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Setu reported that the MPO has begun coordinating with the Iowa DOT on the 2028 LRTP update. Oriakhi noted that travel demand modeling will evaluate future land use and travel patterns, while Fratzke indicated that recent Iowa DOT staff turnover has delayed the modeling process.

2. Onboard Public Transit Guide Update

Fratzke reported that staff are evaluating fare adjustments for OnBoard Public Transit due to rising operating costs. The fare is \$2 per mile with \$8 minimum, and service costs about \$100 per hour with subsidies.

3. Project updates

a. City and county project updates

- **Black Hawk County,** Kurtenbach noted that the Donald Street, Gilbertville, and Raymond projects have been completed.
- **City of Cedar Falls,** Wicke mentioned the Main Street is near completion and 27th Street/Union Road projects design work are progressing as planned and announced the receipt of a \$24 million BUILD Grant for the Greenhill Road/IA 58 project.
- **City of Waterloo,** Hemann reported that Phase I of LaPorte Rd utility work is underway with paving expected in August, while Phases II and III are planned for a combined November letting, pending approval of the required amendments.
- **City of Gilbertville,** Hamann reported that the 5th St sewer project completed soon and roads open on Monday morning.
- **DOT,** Billhorn invited INRCOG to present at the Commission Tour in Marquette this October and provided an update on the Greenhill Road BUILD Grant project, noting that right-of-way acquisition is planned for FY 2028 and construction letting is anticipated in FY 2029

b. Cedar Valley Nature Trails Guide Update

Oriakhi introduced the updated pocket-sized, user-friendly trail guide, while Setu noted that user feedback continues to improve the interactive trail map by identifying closures and other trail updates.

c. How to Ride Signage – AARP Grant

Sturch reported that although the national AARP grant application was unsuccessful, the State Outreach offered \$4,200 to fully fund the How to Ride Signage project. Installation of approximately 40 signs with QR codes is expected by the end of the summer.

d. Microtransit Solutions

Sturch provided an update on the ongoing microtransit initiative for the Waterloo–Cedar Falls area. The proposed service would provide on-demand connections for riders in areas not directly served by fixed transit routes. Planning efforts are continuing, seeking funding through grant application. A pilot program is anticipated to launch next year.

e. NEIA NEPA Study

Hemann noted ongoing work on Elk Run Heights to evaluate alternatives that would convert the roadway into two lanes and reduce project costs. Also, Elk Run Heights does not support closing Elk Run Road, as it serves as a direct emergency access route to Allen Hospital, and a concern raised by CN.

4. General discussion.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kurtenbach, seconded by Kobliska. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
Secretary

BLACK HAWK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

May 14, 2026

MINUTES

Kurtenbach (vice-Chair) called the Black Hawk County Metropolitan Area Transportation Policy Board meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Meeting Attendees:

Name	Title	Representing	Role
Ryan Brennan	Assistant County Engineer	Black Hawk County	TTC member
Gary Vick	Mayor	City of Raymond	Policy Board Member
Ritch Kurtenbach	Supervisor	Black Hawk County	Member (Vice-Chair)
Deanne Kobliska	Mayor	Evansdale	Policy Board Member
Dave Bosen	Mayor	City of Waterloo	Policy Board Member
Aric Schroeder*	City Planner	City of Waterloo	Policy Board 2 nd Alternate
John Dornoff	Planner II	City of Waterloo	Attendee
David Sturch	General Manager	MET Transit	TTC Member`
Curtis Young	Chair	Waterloo CSAC	Attendee
Tony Hemann	AECOM	AECOM	Attendee
Mark Durbahn	Senior Project Manager	AECOM	Attendee
Krista Billhorn*	District Planner	IDOT	Attendee
Sanzida Rahman Setu	Transportation Planner II	INRCOG	MPO Staff
Oghogho Oriakhi	Transportation Planner I	INRCOG	MPO Staff

**Attended Online*

The first item was the introduction and approval of the agenda. It was moved by Bosen, seconded by Kobliska, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Next, review and consider the minutes of the March 12, 2026, meeting. It was moved by Kobliska, seconded by Bosen, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously

Next, hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the Final FY 2027 Transportation Planning Work program (TPWP). Motion to open the public hearing was moved by Kobliska, seconded by Bosen. Motion carried unanimously. Oriakhi mentioned that the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) outlines the transportation activities and projects anticipated within the MPO during the fiscal year. The TPWP also establishes the budget for various programs based on targets provided by the Iowa DOT, identifies staff time allocations, and serves as a framework for justifying reimbursement from the DOT. TPWP has been open to public comments, during which no comments were received. Motion to close the hearing was moved by Bosen, seconded by Kobliska. The motion carried unanimously. A motion to approve the Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) for FY 2027 was moved by Bosen and Seconded by Kobliska. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items.

1. Project updates

a. City and county project updates

Cedar Falls

Wicke noted that the Main Street project was completed last fall, with remaining punch list items currently being addressed and completion anticipated by the end of summer. For the Union Road/27th Street intersection improvements, roundabout design is underway, with right-of-way acquisition and utility coordination ongoing. The project is scheduled to be bid this fall, with construction next year.

Black Hawk County

Brennan mentioned that paving Donald Street from Sage to Raymond is ongoing. The following week will include base widening and additional paving work. In June, resurfacing is planned from Dubuque Street to the fire station near Raymond.

City of Waterloo

Hemman provided updates on Laporte Road, noting that the plan is complete. For Bob Street, the project is awaiting PCI. Phases 2 and 3 remain on hold pending the federal signature for funding amendments, with letting anticipated in October.

City of Gilbertville

Hemann noted that final plans for 5th Street are underway, with a schedule through the DOT in July.

DOT – No updates

b. Microtransit Solutions

Sturch mentioned that the task force was making progress with the ongoing microtransit discussions, designs are progressing, but most importantly, exploring federal funding opportunities, in coordination with stakeholders from the Union Block foundations. Sanzida added that the design was adjusted to accommodate major employers like John Deere and Tyson, as well as a high-immigrant neighborhood around Church Row. Oriakhi noted that from the last meeting, the design was reworked to ensure equity, capturing significant portions of both the east and west sides of Waterloo.

c. NEIA NEPA Study, extension of existing agreement (June 30th) – RCE Grant application for the Dubuque Rd/Plaza Drive Roundabouts & Grade Separation.

Durbahn discussed the possibility of moving forward with a Federal Railroad Administration Railway Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant application for the Dubuque Rd/Plaza Drive roundabouts and grade separation project, which is a portion of the NE Industrial Access Bypass Route. Several constraints were noted during the discussion. First, although the NEIA NEPA Study has been extended through June 30, the RCE grant application costs cannot be covered with the current federal funds. Second, the June 8, 2026, application deadline provides a very short timeframe for local jurisdictions. In addition, the required local match cannot be funded with federal dollars, creating another challenge for local jurisdictions to identify matching funds. Durbahn also noted that discussions with CN Railway are ongoing, as their involvement is an important component of the process.

2. General discussion.

Oriakhi provided a brief overview of the FY2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), noting that no new applications were received for the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) programs. However, for STBG, the City of Hudson requested that the Washington Street project be moved from FY2026 to FY2028, along with an additional funding request of \$315,800. Two TASA applications were received: the Evansdale Nature Trail resurfacing project and the Gilbertville 20th Avenue paved shoulder project. Oriakhi also noted that the balances will roll over in addition to the Iowa DOT's target for the next fiscal year.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Bosen, seconded by Kobliska. Motion carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Oghogho Oriakhi
Secretary